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- 1. EMBASSY STAFF CHECKED WITH LABOR AND INDUSTRIES FOR CURRENT SITUATION OF EUROMO, OWNED BY U.S. CITIZEN MARTIN BALZER. INFORMATION VAGUE AND INCOMPLETE FROM GOP AND EMBASSY UNABLE TO CONTACT FIRM DIRECTLY DUE TO TIME AND DISTANCE CONSTRAINTS. CURRENT SITUATION APPARENTLY AS FOLLOWS.
- 2. GOP HAS TAKEN NO OFFICIAL ACTION REGARDING EUROMO. WORKERS' REQUEST FOR CREDENCIAL (LEGALIZATION OF WORKER CONTROL) REJECTED AND GOP HAS NOT INTERVENED. GOP CONSIDERS THAT FIRM ABANDONED BY OWNER BUT BALZER STILL LEGAL OWNER. FIRM CONTINUES TO OPERATE WITH EIGHT WORKERS. GOP HAS NO INFORMATION REGARDING BANK CREDIT, PAYMENT OF SALARIES, AND SALES OF EUROMO.
- 3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT BALZER HIRE LAWYER IN LISBON TO OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION. CARLUCCI

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